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CAT-KA-BOOM!

All right! True to our word, we've uncovered the Sound Effects discussion with Cat Claw *creator Bane Kerac. This discussion recently saw print in the Swedish comic magazine,* Magnum, *(where* Cat Claw *is the most popular feature) and is part of the chat we ran in issue #2.*

Sound Effects

"My sound effects are made up either by trying to literally evoke the sound caused by a particular action or else by deforming a word that describes the action. That is, unfortunately, not always translateable and so readers who don't speak Serbo-Croatian are left deprived of this small piece of humor.

"In one *Cat Claw* episode, when Catminator hits Fireball in the eye, the accompanying onomatopoeia is *Dumuoko* which means *A Smack In The Eye.* I adhere to the rule that the sound effect must retain an interesting tone when read aloud. That's why a word like *zgnjec* sounds good to Swedes, too, regardless of the fact that they don't understand the meaning (it's *to crush*) because it adequately describes the action, I hope."

And now a dip into the Cat-Mail Bag--

Dear Sirs--

I became interested in *Cat Claw* because it sounded like a cool concept--an attractive female super-hero from Yugoslavia. So far, the stories have been rather good, quite interesting and sometimes funny. I'm definitely looking forward to seeing more!

Being of Croation origins myself, I was wondering about some things. What republic of Yugoslavia does Bane Kerac come from? And how is his name pronounced? (Is it "ker-ahk" or "kah-rach"?)

Also along those lines, I was wondering what language *Cat Claw* is translated from. I think it would be a nice informative piece about how the work is translated into English, and maybe you could show "before and after" pages as well.

Of all the comics that have come out recently, *Cat Claw* is one of the few titles that I go out of my way to read. Keep it up!

Noel Tominack
Indian Head, MD

Thanks for writing, Noel. I was surprised that you asked how Kerac pronounced his last name instead of his first. In conversation with Ervin Rustemagic, the head of Strip Art Features which syndicates Cat Claw *worldwide, he revealed that Bane Kerac pronounces his last name "ker-ahk." (For the even more curious, his first name is pronounced "bonnie" as in* Bonnie & Clyde.*)*

Cat Claw *is translated from Serbo-Croation, the official language of Yugoslavia. You're in luck! We have some samples of the Yugoslavian editions of* Cat Claw *and will be running one in the* Cat Claw *collection which will be out in June of 1991.*

What collection, you say? With the first three issues of Cat Claw *either sold out or in short supply, Eternity will collect them into one squarebound edition. Included will be some of the foreign versions of* Cat Claw *and some rare Bane Kerac art.*

Pester your local retailer to reserve a copy for you or watch the Eternity back issues pages for availability.--Tom Mason

CATCLAW®
SHOO!
9.
GOSH, IT'S NEARLY MORNING!
AND I HAVE NO IDEA HOW I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN MY ABSENCE TO J.J.!
JEANNIE WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND MY COMMITMENT TO WIPE THE SIDEWALKS OF THIS CITY CLEAN OF CRIMINALS, I'M SURE!
AND UNFORTUNATELY, MY USUAL "I-WAS-AT-THE-LAB" EXCUSE IS GETTING OLD! I'LL THINK OF SOMETHING.
BY Bane KERAC
10-93
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OH-OH-OH!? IT SEEMS THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO'S INTO NIGHTLIFE IN A BIG WAY!
THERE'S NOT A TRACE OF J.J..
AND HERE I WAS WORRYING MYSELF DIZZY WHAT I WAS GOING TO TELL HER!
GOOD! IT'S TIME I GAVE MY DEAR ROOMMATE A LECTURE!
LET'S SEE HOW I FIT INTO THE ROLE OF THE CARING MOTHER!
9-94
QUIET NOW, JEANNIE! IF CAROL WAKES UP, IT'LL BE HELL FOR AT LEAST A WEEK!
HER AND HER MORALIZING! IF SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF LIFE, SHE SHOULD LEAVE THOSE OF US WHO DO IN PEACE!
SPEED METAL
KERRIGAN
BOO!
AAAAAH!
ARE YOU OUT OF YOUR MIND?! YOU SCARED ME SHITLESS!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, NIGHTBIRD! COMING HOME AT THIS HOUR!?
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA WHAT TIME IT IS? COME ON, BRUSH YOUR TEETH AND GO TO BED!
I...WELL... SORRY, CAROL...
YOU KNOW... THE PARTY WAS GREAT, AND CLIVE AND I...
OH!?
DAMN!
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ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! SO YOU SAID IT! NO NEED TO LOSE YOUR HEAD! AND ANYWAY, CLIVE CARSON IS HISTORY WITH ME!
REALLY? AND I THOUGHT...
WELL, YOU THOUGHT WRONG. IF THAT MUSCLEMAN MEANS SOMETHING TO YOU, YOU CAN HAVE HIM!
SPEED METAL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN? NO LOVE, NO PASSION? ALL GONE WITH THE WIND?
SORT OF. I JUST REALIZED THAT THESE FRESHMAN KIDS ARE INCREDIBLY BORING!
AH, COME OFF IT!
LITHEN, CAROL. BAKER ITH VEALLY GOOD AND THRIES HARTH, BUT...
HE'LL VE AN OLTH MAN VHEN YOU REATH THE BESTH YEATHS OF YOUR LIFE, RIGHTH?
9-95
COULD BE, J. J. BUT THAT'S MY PROBLEM! AND NOW I'M GOING TO SLEEP!
WELL, GOOD NIGHT TO YOU MISS PERFECT STUDENT! OH, I NEARLY FORGOT...
ON SATURDAY YOU'RE INVITED TO "EAGLE-EYE'S" BIRTHDAY PARTY!
YEAH? GREAT, I'VE GOT TO GO! HE'S A GOOD KID!
BIRDS OF A FEATHER! YOU TWO ARE MARRIED TO YOUR GODDAM BOOKS!
KERR
HEY, THE LIGHTS! YOU FORGOT TO TURN OUT THE LIGHTS!
OH, SHUT UP!
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CAT CLAW, CAT CLAW! THE WHOLE CITY'S TALKING ABOUT HER, AND WE HAVEN'T A CLUE WHO SHE IS! SOME REPORTER YOU ARE!
SO WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO, PIGGY? SNAP MY FINGERS AND HAVE HER APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE?
FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO'VE ONLY JUST JOINED US (SHAME ON YOU!), PICTURED ABOVE ARE PHIL FIREBALL AND PIGGY PORTER, REPORTER AND EDITOR OF THE DAILY LOUDSPEAKER.
KERRIGAN 9-96
LOOK FOR HER, MAN! SEARCH! YOU HAD EVERYBODY DROOLING OVER THE STORY ABOUT THE COLLAPSE OF BALDWIN'S EMPIRE AND NOW YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO FOLLOW IT UP WITH! NOT EVEN A PHOTOGRAPH!
SO? I DON'T GO AROUND SHOOTING PICTURES OF EVERY IDIOT DRESSED UP IN COSTUME!
HAVE YOU ANY IDEA HOW EASY IT IS TO BECOME AN UNEMPLOYED JOURNALIST?
COME ON, PIGGY, WE'RE NOT KIDS! BESIDES, YOU GOT FAR MORE THAN YOUR MONEY'S WORTH, RIGHT?
AS FOR OUR LITTLE PUSSYCAT, I CAN'T PROMISE YOU ANYTHING! IF I FIND HER, GREAT, IF I DON'T, TOUGH! OKAY?
JUST LIKE THAT? OKAY, PHIL! I'M NOT AN INSENSITIVE BEAST!
BY THE WAY, WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THAT CRAZY DOCTOR AND HIS... THINGAMAJIG?
GRGUR? NOTHING SO FAR. THEY MUST BE HIDING IN A DEEP HOLE SOMEWHERE AND GOD KNOWS WHAT THEY'RE UP TO NOW! MIND YOU...
...TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GRGUR'S REDUCED SIZE, I DOUBT THAT THEY CAN BE UP TO ANYTHING INTERESTING!
P.P. PORTER EDITOR
WRONG AGAIN, PHIL! (AND LATELY YOU SEEM TO BE MAKING GRAVE JUDGEMENT ERRORS!)
VAAAAAAAAH
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BUAAAA!
CALM DOWN, GRGUR! PLEASE! YOU'RE DRIVING ME NUTS!
LITTLE BABY'S HUNGRY, EH? DADDY WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
KERAC 9-97
COME ON, SWEET BABY! NYAM-NYAM! YUMMMM, THAT'S SOOOO NICE!
BABY MUST BE GOOD OR LANDLORD THROW BABY OUT!
AND YOUR POOR OLD DADDY OUT WITH IT!
GUUUU
DAMN, THIS CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS! I'M A SCIENTIST, NOT A NANNY! I MUST FIND A WAY TO TURN GRGUR INTO A NORMAL MONSTER AGAIN!
I WONDER WHO COULD HAVE THE RIGHT EQUIPMENT? DR. STANFORD? NAH. THAT'S A DIFFERENT FIELD ALTOGETHER! DR. CLARENCE? HE'S DEFINITELY NOT MY MAN!
FOLLOWING THAT SEMINAR IN TEXAS, I'M SURE HE WOULDN'T EVEN WANT TO TALK TO ME!
BURRP!
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE DNA SYNTHESIS INTO A DOUBLE HELIX IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE, IF THE ELEMENTARY CONDITIONS ARE FULFILLED. LIKE...
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... PRECISELY ESTABLISHED GENETIC CODES. BUT, IN ALL HONESTY, WE'VE GOT TO CONFESS THAT SO FAR THERE IS NO TELLING WHAT SHAPE AND PATTERN THESE MUTATIONS WILL TAKE.
WE ARE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO COMPLETELY CONTROL THE PROCESS.
UNFORTUNEATELY!
DNA 23 PAIR
RNA
CH-Na
H2SO4
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT, CAROL! CLIVE DOES LOOK RIDICULOUS COMPARED TO BAKER, ESPECIALLY WITH THAT TIE! HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME?
WHAT?? OH, YES, I'M LISTENING!
KERAC 9-98
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, CAROL? YOU'VE BEEN ELSEWHERE ALL DAY!
I DON'T KNOW, JEANNIE. I DON'T FEEL TOO WELL. I FEEL KINDA SICK.
THAT'S FUNNY. I MEAN, YOU HAD YOUR PERIOD LAST WEEK. DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE...
I'M NOT PREGNANT, YOU HALFWIT!!! CHRIST, WHEN YOU SAY SOMETHING STUPID, YOU REALLY GO FOR IT!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT! I ONLY ASKED!
ACTUALLY, WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT, YOU'D BE THE FIRST GIRL TO GET IT JUST THROUGH READING BOOKS ABOUT IT!
A PROBLEM, MISS CONOR?
OH, NO. IT'S NOTHING. I'VE GOT TO GO, THAT'S ALL!
HEY, WAKE UP!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND A THING ANYMORE! AS SOON AS I GOT OUT, EVERYTHING'S NORMAL AGAIN!
MAYBE THAT RADIATON THAT TURNED ME INTO A CAT HAS OTHER SIDE EFFECTS TOO!??
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MAYBE I'VE TAKEN THIS ALL TOO LIGHTLY! A CAT-WOMAN, SO WHAT? AS IF HAVING CLAWS WAS THE MOST NORMAL THING ON EARTH!
ALL I NEED NOW IS A TAIL!
I HOPE I WON'T COME ACROSS SOME IDIOT WHO'LL ASK ME WHAT I'M DOING ON THE ROOF!
THEY MIGHT THINK I'M THINK I'M GOING TO THROW MYSELF OFF BECAUSE OF BAD GRADES! WHAT A JOKE THAT WOULD BE!

ALL I WANT RIGHT NOW IS A GOOD BREATHER TO THINK THINGS OVER!
GAS FUMES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR BRAIN, THEY KEEP TELLING US!
KERRIGAN 9-99

LOOKS LIKE MY ONLY WAY OUT IS TO TALK IT OVER WITH DR. BAKER. ONLY, HOW AM I GOING TO DO THAT WITHOUT BLOWING MY COVER? I CAN'T GIVE AWAY MY IDENTITY...
NO DISGUISE IS EVER GOING TO FOOL HIM!

SO A LITTLE TÊTE-A-TÊTE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION! AND WHAT ABOUT A LETTER TO THE DAILY PAPER? LIKE "DEAR ABBY... I HAVE CLAWS, I SEE CLEARLY IN THE DARK, I PURR AND I GO NUTS IN FEBRUARY! AM I NORMAL?"
SIGNED: SICK OF MILK!

ANSWER: "DEAR SICK OF MILK, EVERYTHING'S NORMAL. JUST MAKE SURE YOU DON'T SCRATCH YOUR MATE'S BACK IN THE HEAT OF PASSION!"
VERY FUNNY! BUT SHOULD BE ON THE COMIC PAGES! BUT SPEAKING OF PAPERS...

IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A LOOK AT WHAT'S GOING ON EVERY NOW AND THEN!
HEY!?
Daily Outrage
ONE HUNDRED CATS DEAD
KERR 9·100
AND IN THE PAPERS... NO NEWS IS GOOD NEWS?
WHAT!?!
YO, WHAT DOYOUTHINKYOU'RE DOIN'?! IF YOU WANNA READ THE PAPERS, YOU GOTTA HAND OVER SOME DOUGH! I'M GONNA TELL MA UNION!
CAFFE
SHIT! NOBODY KNOWS ANYTHING! AND ME... WAIT A SEC. WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF THIS BEFORE?
WHEN I WENT TO TALK TO THAT GIRL, THAT KIDNAP WITNESS... BALDWIN'S MEN TRIED TO GET RID OF HER.
THEY TOOK HER TO THE DOCKS* AND THEN THINGS GOT A LITTLE FUZZY. THE CROOKS RAN AWAY, THE GIRL DISAPPEARED.
I NEVER DID MANAGE TO EXPLAIN CAT CLAW'S APPEARANCE ON THE HOOD OF THAT CAR. I'VE GOTTA DO SOME HEAVY DUTY THINKING HERE!
KLAP
HEY, I LEFT THE LIGHTS ON AGAIN.
*SEE EPISODES "SAFE AS MILK" AND "CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS".
CAT CLAW?
COME IN, COME IN, HACK! MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!
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WHAT THE...HOW DID YOU GET HERE? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
THAT WAS EASY! AS SOON AS THEY HEARD A FEMALE VOICE, YOUR IDIOT PALS FROM THE OFFICE GAVE ME THE ADDRESS! I SUPPOSE YOU'RE SOME HOT SHOT WITH THE GIRLS, EH?
YOUR PLACE SURE LOOKS LIKE A LOVE NEST! OR A PARROT'S CAGE!
KERRAC
9-101
HM! WITH YOUR FISHNET STOCKING AND BRA, YOU'RE HARDLY IN A POSITION TO MORALIZE! ON THE OTHER HAND, I'M SURE YOU DIDN'T COME HERE SO THAT WE COULD EXCHANGE INSULTS! SO...
TO START WITH, YOU COULD TELL ME MORE ABOUT YOURSELF, MISS CAT CLAW! THAT IS YOUR NAME, ISN'T IT?
WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT SOME OTHER TIME! FIRST, YOU'VE GOT SOME EXPLAINING TO DO! I WANT TO KNOW THE MEANING OF THAT LOAD OF CRAP YOU WROTE IN THE "LOUD-SPEAKER!"
YOU CALLED ME A NOTORIOUS CRIMINAL, YOU CHEAP HACK REPORTER!
WELL, AREN'T YOU? AS FAR AS I KNOW, BREAKING INTO THE GREY INSTITUTE WAS A CRIMINAL ACT, WASN'T IT?
NAG, NAG, NAG! I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO MENTION THAT!
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BUT I DIDN'T COME HERE FOR MY CONFESSIONS! I JUST CAME TO GIVE YOU A FRIENDLY WARNING!
IF YOU'RE STUCK FOR SUBJECTS TO WRITE ABOUT...
GO WALK AROUND THE BLOCK, FIND SOME HOT GOSSIP, BUT LEAVE CAT CLAW ALONE, OKAY? MY LIFE IS PRIVATE AND I INTEND TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!
NO WAY, DARLING! UNFORTUNATELY FOR YOU, I SUFFER FROM A PROFESSIONAL CURIOSITY.
I MUST GET HER TO SAY MORE ABOUT HERSELF! I CAN'T LET HER GO JUST LIKE THAT!
AND BESIDES, I'M NOT HAVING SOME DRESSED UP SLUT TELL ME HOW TO RUN MY LIFE! EVEN IF THE BABE IN QUESTION DID WRECK BALDWIN'S EMPIRE!
LISTEN, PRETTY BOY! I HAD HOPED THIS CONVERSATION WOULD TAKE A FRIENDLY COURSE. I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU DID TO SAVE ME FROM GRGUR'S GRIP!
BUT IF YOU REALLY INSIST, I CAN RESORT TO MORE DRASTIC AND VIOLENT MEANS!
SO YOUNG, AND SO EDGY!
KERRY 9-102
DUM! VRAT-A-LUP!
OPEN UP, PHIL! POLICE!
EXCUSE ME FOR BARGING IN LIKE THIS, MR. HACK, BUT I WANTED TO HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY ABOUT...
ABOUT WHAT? FIND OUT IN THE NEXT EPISODE OF CAT CLAW: "CAT-ASTROPHE!" JUST MOVE YOUR EYES TO THE RIGHT AND LET'S BEGIN!
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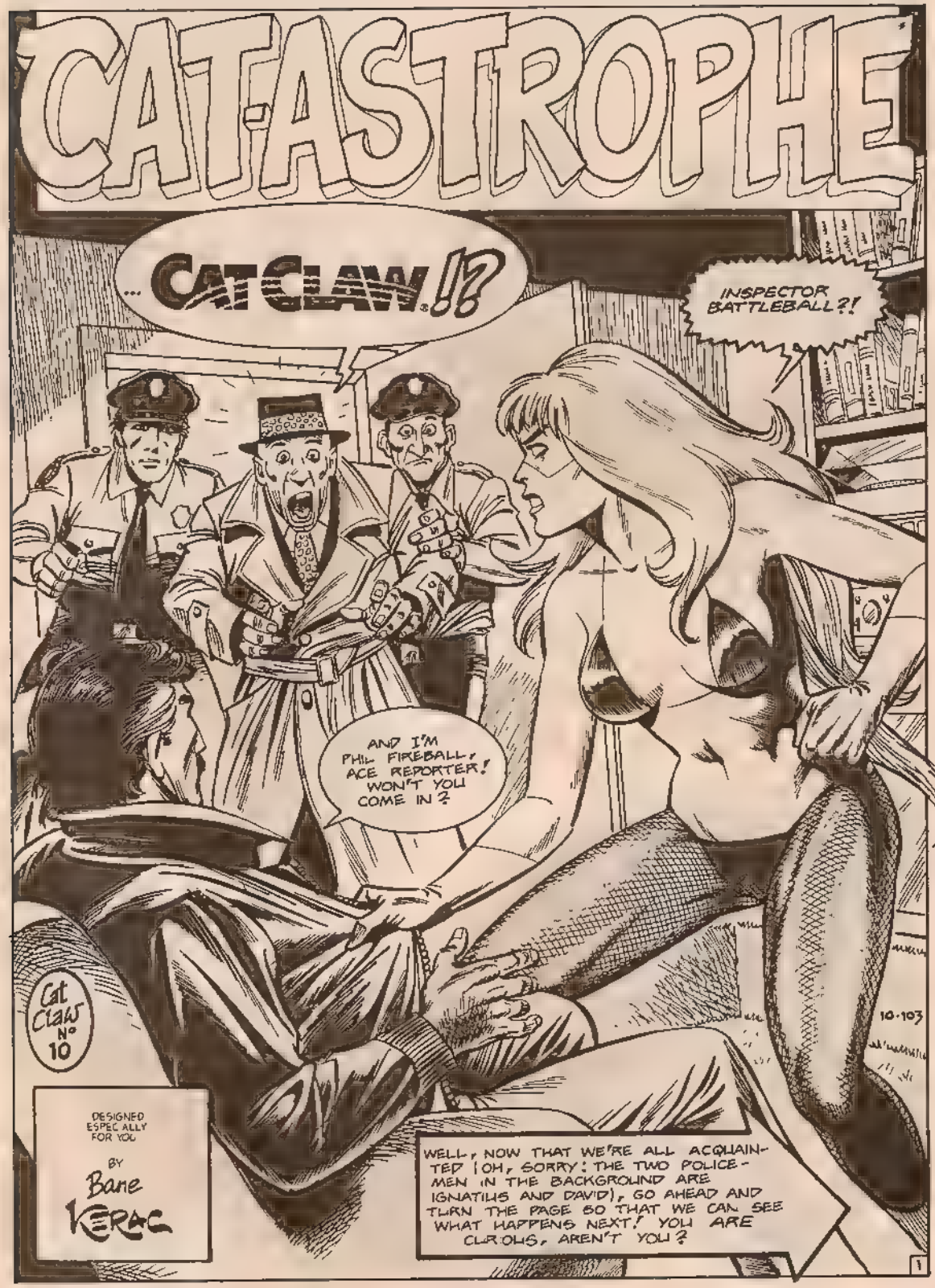
THE GREAT THE INVINCIBLE CAT-GIRL IN A NEW RIVETING EPISODE:


CAT-ASTROPHE
...CAT CLAW!?
INSPECTOR BATTLEBALL?!
AND I'M PHIL FIREBALL, ACE REPORTER! WON'T YOU COME IN?
WELL, NOW THAT WE'RE ALL ACQUAINTED (OH, SORRY: THE TWO POLICEMEN IN THE BACKGROUND ARE IGNATIUS AND DAVID), GO AHEAD AND TURN THE PAGE SO THAT WE CAN SEE WHAT HAPPENS NEXT! YOU ARE CURIOUS, AREN'T YOU?
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CAT, YOU SILLY COW! YOU'VE ALLOWED YOUR RAGE TO SUPPRESS YOUR INSTINCTS!
WE CAN'T MISS THIS CHANCE! HOLD HER, BOYS! SHE CAN'T GET AWAY NOW!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS! WE'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING!
EASY, NOW! I MUSTN'T HURT THEM. THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO DO THEIR JOB!
DAMN! SO FRAIL AND YET SO TOUGH! SURRENDER, YOUNG LADY, AND NO FUNNY STUFF, PLEASE!
YOW! MY HEAD!
SKRK!
YOU'RE UNDER ARREST AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT UNTIL YOU SEE YOUR LAWYER!
YOU DON'T SAY?! GIVE 'EM A GUN AND THEY THINK THEY'RE DIRTY HARRY!
IN ANY CASE, I CAN'T LET HIM USE THAT THING ON ME!
DROP THAT, ZIT FACE! SHOO! RIGHT NOW!
IZBI
?!OW!!

HERE WE ARE, BOSS!

SHE'S RESISTING ARREST! YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO! DON'T BE THE LEAST BIT CAREFUL!

OH-OH?! LOOKS LIKE THE ANNUAL POLICE CONVENTION IS BEING HELD HERE!

STOP THIS AT ONCE, ALL OF YOU! THIS CAN BE SOLVED IN A QUIET AND PEACEFUL MANNER AND WITHOUT DESTROYING MY RENT-CONTROLLED APARTMENT!

TOO LATE, PHIL!

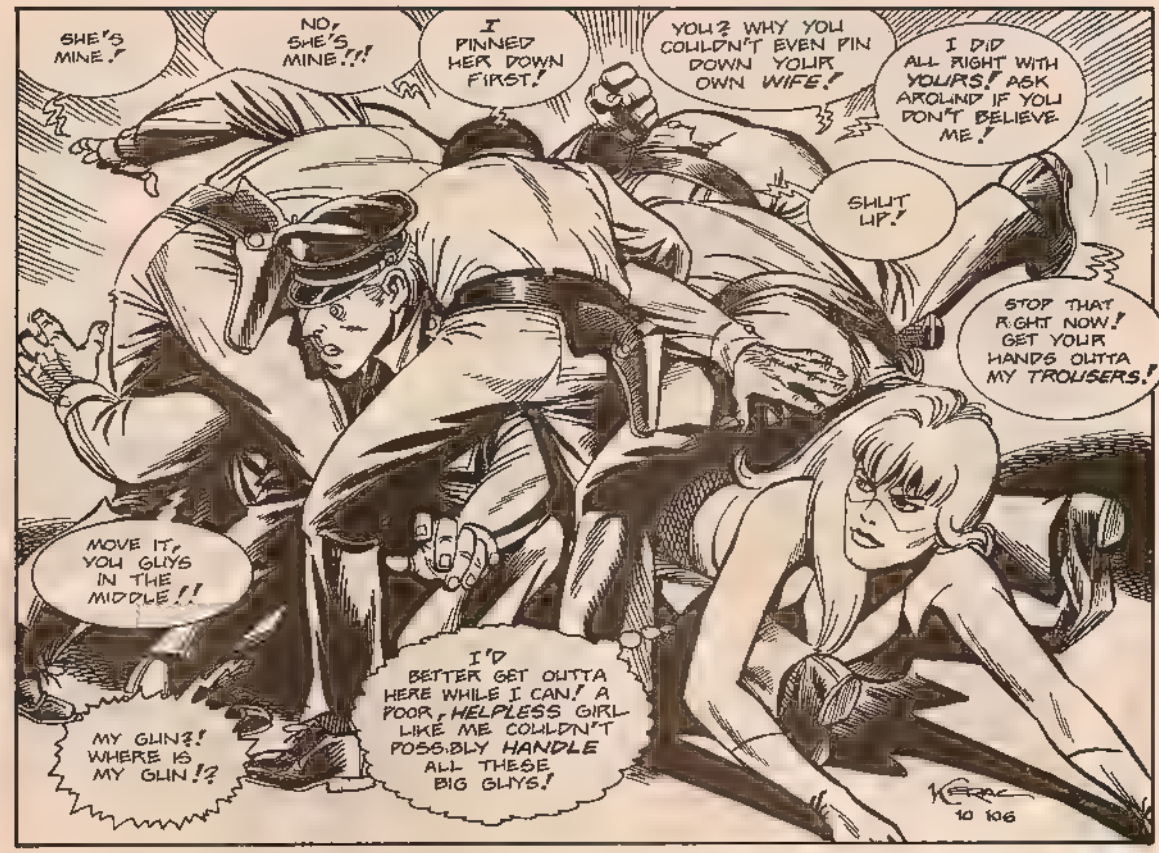
BUT HEY, IT'S A BROAD!?!

SO WHAT? JUST SHUT UP AND DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

CHRIST, THE THINGS WE DO TO EARN OUR PAY!

TSK, TSK, TSK! THEY SENT AN ENTIRE *PLATOON* TO GET ME! I AM ***MOST*** FLATTERED! COME AND GET ME, BOYS!

KERAC 10 105


SHE'S MINE!
NO, SHE'S MINE!!!
I PINNED HER DOWN FIRST!
YOU? WHY YOU COULDN'T EVEN PIN DOWN YOUR OWN WIFE!
I DID ALL RIGHT WITH YOURS! ASK AROUND IF YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME!
SHUT UP!
STOP THAT RIGHT NOW! GET YOUR HANDS OUTTA MY TROUSERS!
MOVE IT, YOU GUYS IN THE MIDDLE!!
I'D BETTER GET OUTTA HERE WHILE I CAN! A POOR, HELPLESS GIRL LIKE ME COULDN'T POSSIBLY HANDLE ALL THESE BIG GUYS!
MY GUN?! WHERE IS MY GUN!?
KERR 10 106

WAIT, CAT CLAW! I SWEAR THIS WAS NOT MY IDEA! YOU MUST BELIEVE ME!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, HACK. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU ARRANGED ALL THIS, BUT IT SURE FAILED! GOODBYE FOR NOW!

WE'LL DISCUSS THIS SOME MORE, I PROMISE YOU!

WELL, ONE THING'S FOR CERTAIN: INSPECTOR BATTLE-BALL HAS GOT IT IN HIS HEAD TO GET RID OF ME!

BUT WHY? BECAUSE I NICKED A BIT OF BULLET-PROOF MATERIAL?! THAT'S *IRONY* FOR YOU! SO MANY *CRIMINALS* AROUND, AND ALL OF THE POLICE FORCE IS ON *MY* BACK!

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AND THEY ALSO MANAGED TO *RIP* MY STOCKINGS! MY ONLY PAIR! A TRUE CATA-STROPHE!

KERAC 10 107

NOW WHAT? I CAN'T PINCH ANOTHER PAIR OFF JEANNIE, SHE'S BOUND TO NOTICE! AND BEING AN INCREDIBLY STINGY COW, SHE'LL BE SCREAMING ALL OVER CAMPUS WITHIN MINUTES!

WOMAN, YOU WOULDN'T *BELIEVE* WHAT I JUST SAW!

AND SWEET, YOUNG CAROL CONOR CAN'T BE SEEN BUYING FISHNET STOCKINGS! THAT WOULD BE TOO MUCH! WHO WOULD BELIEVE IT?!

I MUST REMAIN THE SQUARE BIOLOGY STUDENT I ALWAYS WAS IN EVERYBODY'S EYES... SQUARE AND CONSERVATIVE. NOTHING LIKE THE EXTROVERT CAT CLAW!

WAIT, LET ME THINK IT OVER.

WHAT DID THAT HACK SAY? SOMETHING ABOUT ME LOOKING OUTDATED? AND TO TELL THE TRUTH, HE'S RIGHT!

CAT CLAW IS NOW TOO BIG TO BE SEEN IN A THREE-YEAR OLD BATHING SUIT...

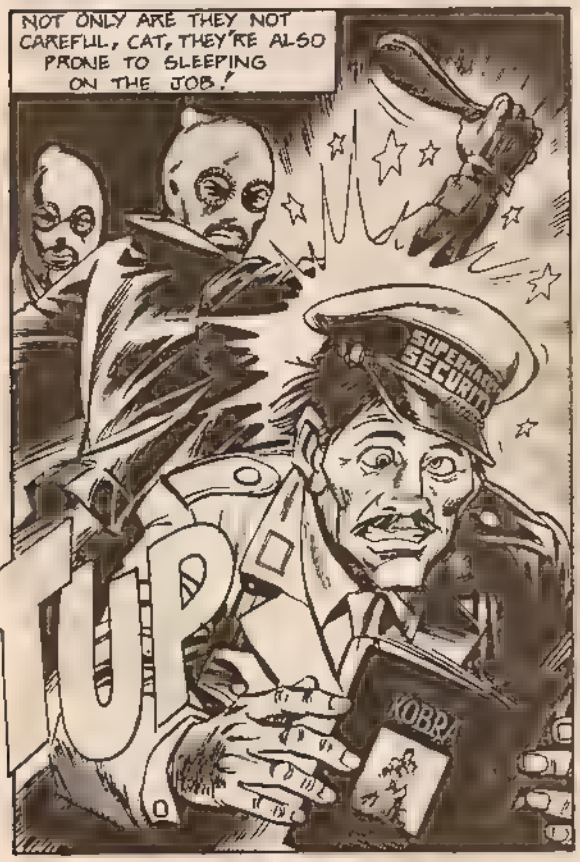
I NEED SOMETHING MORE TRENDY AND ATTRACTIVE... *SEXY* AND *AGGRESSIVE!* SOMETHING THAT FITS THE CAT CLAW IMAGE!

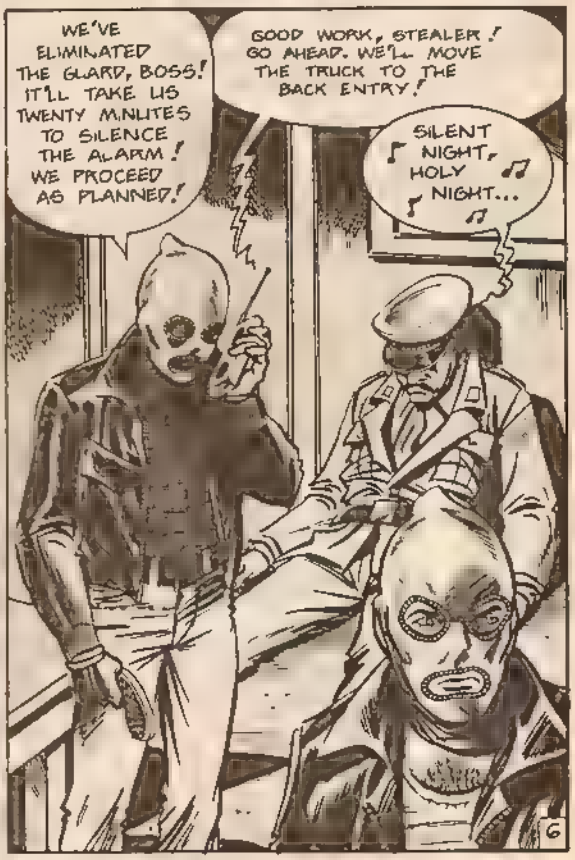
WHY NOT? I'VE SEEN RAGS LIKE THAT IN THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE ON 129TH.

THERE! JUST WHEN I DECIDED *NOT* TO CROSS THE POLICE FORCE'S PATH, LIFE PROVES THAT IT HAD OTHER PLANS!

HERE WE ARE! STILL PLENTY OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE, BUT THE SHOPPING HOURS ARE OVER!
KERR

I HOPE THE SECURITY GUARDS CAN REPRESS THEIR URGES TO CHECK THE UPPER FLOORS! AT LEAST FOR A WHILE!
JUDGING BY THIS LOOP-HOLE HERE, THEY'RE NOT TOO CAREFUL ABOUT THESE THINGS!


NOT ONLY ARE THEY NOT CAREFUL, CAT, THEY'RE ALSO PRONE TO SLEEPING ON THE JOB!
SUPERMAX SECURITY
KOBRA


WE'VE ELIMINATED THE GUARD, BOSS! IT'LL TAKE US TWENTY MINUTES TO SILENCE THE ALARM! WE PROCEED AS PLANNED!
GOOD WORK, STEALER! GO AHEAD. WE'LL MOVE THE TRUCK TO THE BACK ENTRY!
SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT...
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COSTUME DEPARTMENT, COSTUME DEPARTMENT! HERE WE ARE!
GOSH, THERE'S SO MANY OF THEM! I HOPE I'LL FIND SOMETHING FOR ME...?
WELL, LET'S SEE WHAT THIS LOOKS LIKE. I'VE GOT THE WHOLE NIGHT AHEAD!
HMMM, HMMM...
DEAR JJ WOULD LOVE THIS ONE! UNFORTUNE-ATELY IT'S SLIGHTLY COMPLICATED TO GET INTO... AND I CAN'T CON-CEAL IT UNDERNEATH ORDINARY CLOTHES.
AH, NO, BABY! WE SAID WE CAN'T HAVE ANYTHING ROMANTIC! IT ALSO LOOKS VERY TAME!
PITY! IT'S REAL CUTE!
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THIS ONE'S NOT BAD ...BUT I THINK I'VE SEEN IT SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
COME ON, DARLING, THINK! YOU'RE NOT HERE TO FOOL AROUND AND PLAY MODEL!
HM! IT'S SURE HARD WHEN YOU HAVE ALL THESE CHOICES! I FEEL LIKE HAVING A BIT OF EVERYTHING!
BE SERIOUS, CAT! YOU'VE GOT AN OBLIGATION TO THE PUBLIC AND THE IMAGE YOU'VE CREATED FOR THEM. THEY DON'T LIKE DRASTIC CHANGE!
THIS SHOULD DO THE TRICK, I GUESS!
EVERYTHING OKAY, STEALER? DID YOU TAKE CARE OF THE ALARM?
SURE THING! WHAT DO YOU THINK I SPENT FIVE YEARS AT SAN QUENTIN COLLEGE FOR? COME ON, LET'S GO GET THE GOODIES!
AND HURRY UP! THE COPS COULD BE HERE ANY MOMENT!
YOU KNOW HOW IT IS! THEY'RE ALWAYS THERE WHEN YOU DON'T NEED THEM!
YOU DON'T SAY!
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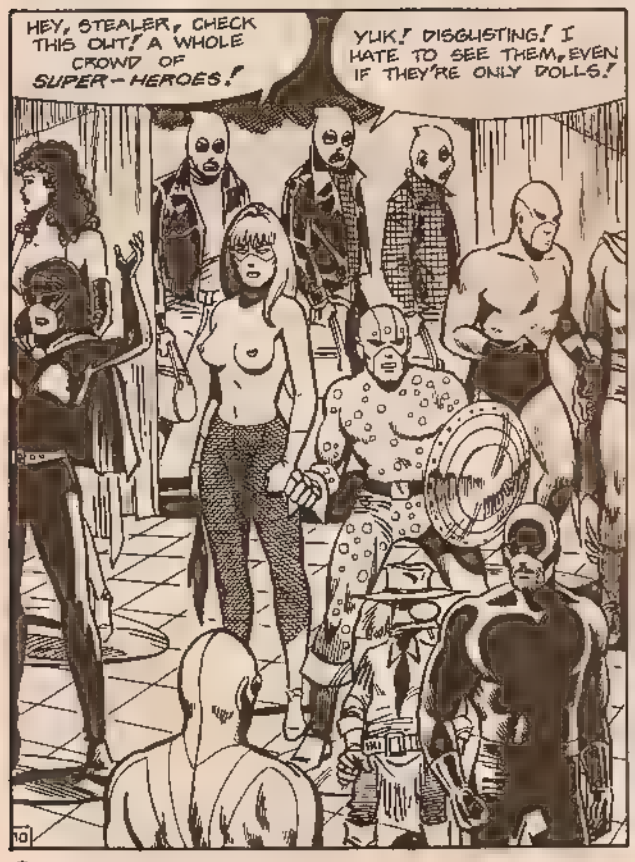
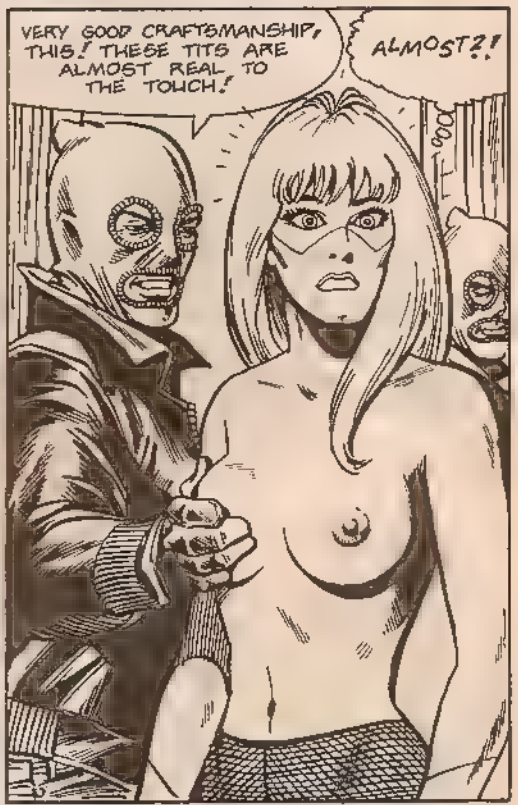
MEANWHILE, IN A MODEST BUILDING SOMEWHERE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN A FAMILIAR SOUND DISRUPTS THE CALM NIGHT AIR.
AAOUUUURGHH
DID YOU HEAR THAT, TIGER? I TOLD YOU THE NEIGHBORS HAVE A DOG!
CALM DOWN, PRECIOUS! LET ME SLEEP! YOU'RE JUST HALLUCINATING AGAIN! TOO MUCH JUNK FOOD AT BEDTIME!
I'M NOT HALLUCINATING, I SWEAR! I HEARD THAT HOWLING SOUND AGAIN!
GO TO SLEEP, WILLYA?! AND ANYWAY, WHAT IF HE'S KEEPING A SMALL PUPPY AT HOME, THAT'S HIS PROBLEM! I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT RUIN A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP!
THE GUY LIKES ANIMALS, SO WHAT? I DO TOO!
SO NOTHING! THIS PUPPY ALSO LIKES TO CLIMB UP BUILDINGS AND WEAR PANTS!
AND HE IS PARTICULARLY FOND OF THE FULL MOON!
WAOOOUUUUUUUU
9

LET'S HIT THE THIRD FLOOR! THAT'S WHERE THEY KEEP THE JEWELRY AND THE ELECTRONIC STUFF!
GREAT! I NEED A NEW VCR. I HEAR THEY'RE FILMING CONAN 14! I LOVE THOSE MOVIES!
YEAH? I WAS CERTAIN THEY WOULDN'T MAKE ANY MORE.
DAMN! WHAT DO THEY TURN THESE THINGS OFF AT NIGHT FOR? I HATE CLIMBING!

OH-OH-OH... I CAN HEAR VOICES! IT MUST BE THE SECURITY GUARDS. AND HERE I AM HALF NAKED WITH-OUT MY NEW COSTUME!
WHAT SHALL I DO? I DON'T FEEL LIKE BEATING UP PEOPLE WHO'RE ONLY DOING THEIR JOB!
I'D BETTER HIDE AMONG THESE THINGS AND HOPE THEY DON'T NOTICE ME!





WELL, HE IS WEARING GLOVES! BUT FIND OUT HOW OUR HEROINE TOOK THE COMMENT IN THE NEXT EPISODE:

CATS 'N' DOLLS!

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CAT CLAW® THE INCREDIBLE CAT-GIRL!

CATS 'N' DOLLS

A DEPARTMENT STORE ON 129th STREET, SUPERHERO MAKEUP AND COSMETICS SECTION. CAROL CONOR, AKA CAT CLAW, IS TRYING TO FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR HER OLD COSTUME, RIPPED TO SHREDS BY BATTLEBALL'S MEN. BUT SHE IS INTERRUPTED BY A GANG OF THIEVING INTRUDERS, ONE OF WHOM TOTALLY LACKS TACT BUT KNOWS A GOOD THING WHEN HE FEELS IT!
Cat Claw N°11
HEY, STEALER,! CHECK THIS OUT.! THIS DOLL IS SO WELL-MADE HER TITS FEEL ALMOST REAL.!
"ALMOST REAL!"? I'LL SHOW HIM!
COULD ANY WOMAN REMAIN COOL, CALM AND COLLECTED IN THE FACE OF SUCH A HARSH AND TACTLESS COMMENT? ESPECIALLY ABOUT THEIR BREASTS?
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OF COURSE NOT! SHE MUST RESPOND!!

GET YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF ME, YOU IDIOT!!! ARE YOU SAYING MY TITS ARE MADE OF RUBBER?!!

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WHAT THE? HEY, THESE AREN'T THE GUARDS! THEY'RE CROOKS!

WHAT THE? HEY, THAT'S NOT A DOLL!! IT'S A HALF-NAKED CHICK!

I HAVE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS! FIRST I WAS BETRAYED BY THAT HACK REPORTER.

BATTLEBALL WANTS TO NAIL ME AT ANY COST, THE COPS RIPPED MY STOCKINGS, AND NOW HERE I AM WITH THESE AMATEURS!

AND HALF NAKED TO BOOT! I'D CATCH MY DEATH OF COLD IF I DIDN'T FEEL...

...LIKE I'M GONNA DIE OF SHAME!

UNLESS I SNUFF IT ON ACCOUNT OF SOMETHING MORE PROSAIC FIRST! LIKE GUNFIRE!

CAT CLAW!!? DAMN, AND WE HAD THIS PLANNED SO WELL! LET'S GET HER, BOYS! SHE CAN'T TAKE US ALL!

WHAT IF THE OTHERS ARE ALSO ALIVE?

THEN WE'RE FUCKED! I MEAN, WE'LL BE HEADING FOR THE JOINT, FOR GOOD! SHOOT! NOW!

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A SHIELD! THAT'S WHAT I NEED RIGHT NOW! PARDON ME, CAPTAIN!
K-BOWW! DOWW! PANG!
WAIIIEEEIIIIII
PIEEWWWW
PLASTIC! GODDAM PLASTIC! WHY DO I KEEP COMING ACROSS CRAP LIKE THIS?
ALTHOUGH, TO TELL THE TRUTH, IT CAN BE PRETTY USEFUL NOW AND THEN! HERE, TOUGH GUY!
KLOP!
BUHUHUHU!
ENOUGH OF THIS FOOLING AROUND, BOYS! LET'S GET SERIOUS NOW!
MOVE FASTER, CAT! THAT WAY THEY WON'T GET A CHANCE TO SHOOT YOU!
OR STARE LIKE YOU WERE THE PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH!
OKAY, BABE. IF THIS IS THE WAY YOU WANT IT!
?!?
BLEB!
WHAT'RE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS THE WAY I WANT IT!
NJONJ!

ONLY AT TIMES LIKE THIS DOES ONE REALIZE THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING A FELINE INSTINCT!
AND THIS GUY SNEAKING UP BEHIND ME IS SOON GOING TO FEEL THE RESULT!
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GYRABUM!
OH, SHIT! I DON'T KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH!
SORRY, BUDDY! I DIDN'T SEE WHO IT WAS IN THE HEAT OF THE MOMENT!
LET'S GO TOGETHER NOW, BOYS! SHE CAN'T HANDLE ALL OF US AT ONCE!
YOU DON'T SAY! YOU MUST'VE READ LINES LIKE THAT IN SOME CRAPPY COMIC BOOK! ONLY, ARE YOU APES ACTUALLY CAPABLE OF READING!?
KEITH
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CRA!
BUT THEN AGAIN, YOU MUST'VE READ COMICS AT ONE POINT IN YOUR LIFE! YOU WOULDN'T BE CRIMINALS OTHERWISE, WOULD YOU?
BUT I GUESS I OUGHT TO SAVE MY BREATH AND STOP BEING CLEVER.
I'VE GOT MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO DO RIGHT NOW!
TO START WITH, THIS ISN'T A FAIR FIGHT! I MEAN, THERE'S ONLY FIVE OF YOU AGAINST LITTLE OLD TOPLESS ME!
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PRAY TO GOD NOBODY FROM THE SUPER-HERO UNION HEARS ABOUT THIS!
AAUGH!
DRM
BAP
KERRIGAN 11 117
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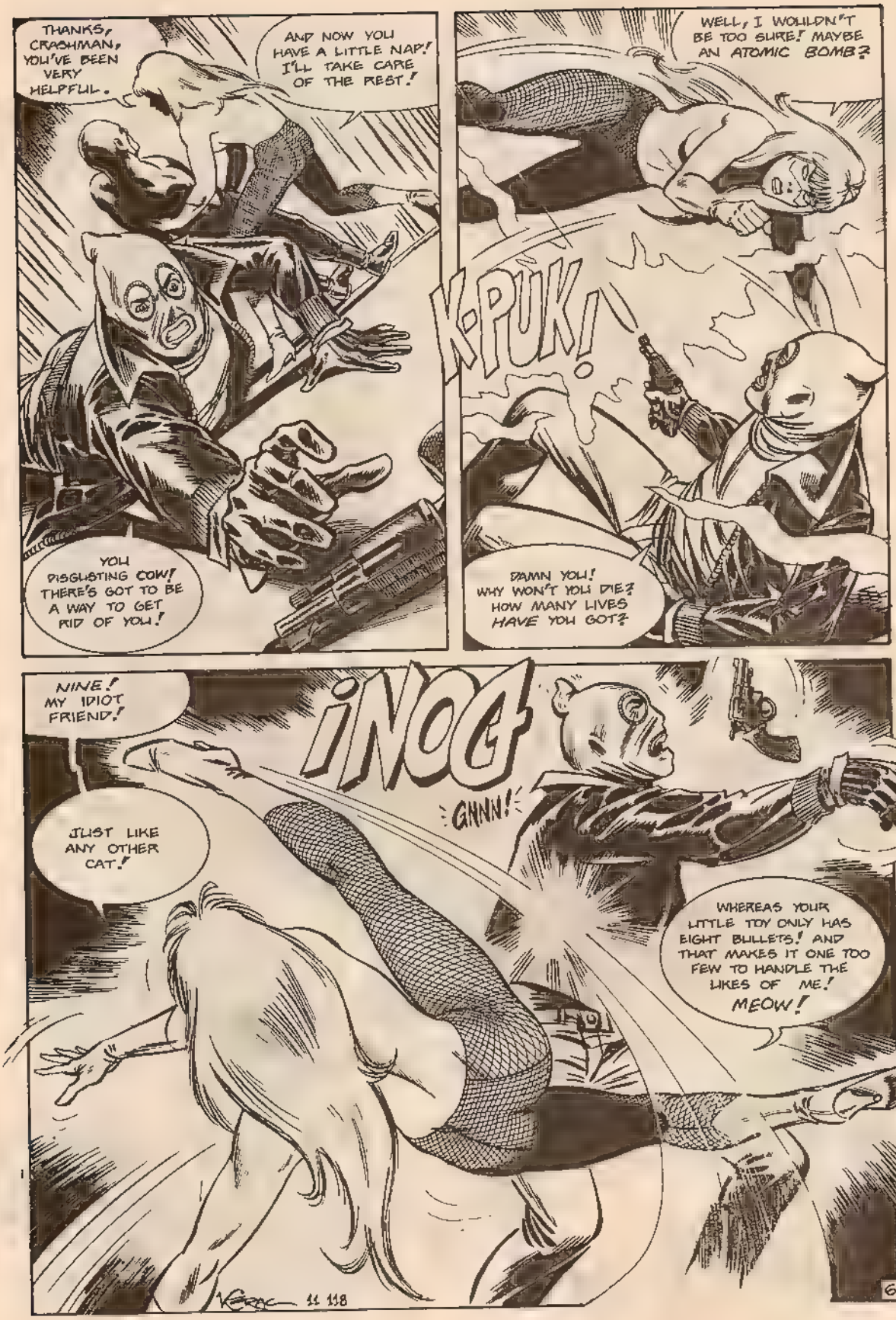
THANKS, CRASHMAN, YOU'VE BEEN VERY HELPFUL.
AND NOW YOU HAVE A LITTLE NAP! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
YOU DISGUSTING COW! THERE'S GOT TO BE A WAY TO GET RID OF YOU!
WELL, I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE! MAYBE AN ATOMIC BOMB?
K-PUK!
DAMN YOU! WHY WON'T YOU DIE? HOW MANY LIVES HAVE YOU GOT?
NINE! MY IDIOT FRIEND!
JUST LIKE ANY OTHER CAT!
iNOG
GHNN!
WHEREAS YOUR LITTLE TOY ONLY HAS EIGHT BULLETS! AND THAT MAKES IT ONE TOO FEW TO HANDLE THE LIKES OF ME! MEOW!
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I LOVE IT WHEN IT'S QUIET LIKE THIS. I THINK I'LL GET A DOUGHNUT AND...
TINK!
?ooo
TRES!
HARAAAA?!
WELL! AND I COULD'VE SWORN I'D SEEN HIM FLY ONCE!!?
HE CAN FLY ALL RIGHT, BUT HE CAN'T LAND! HIC!
I SAW IT ALL! HE CAME CRASHING THROUGH THAT WINDOW, OFFICER!
WHAT GODDAM SALE ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?!? WHEN I SAID SOMETHING IS HAPPENING AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE, I DIDN'T MENTION NO SALE!!
AKAI
AND THERE I WAS THINKING IT WAS GONNA BE A QUIET NIGHT. WHAT WAS THAT ALL ABOUT, CRYSTAL?
HE SAID:sniff: THERE'S TROUBLE:sniff: AT THE DEPARTMENT STORE ON 129th... AND HE ALSO CALLED ME:snirvel: AN OLD BITCH!
BVAAAAAAAAAAAA
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AND THEN HE SAID THAT STRANGE CHARACTERS IN FANCY DRESSES AND COSTUMES WERE CRASHING DOWN THROUGH THE WINDOWS AND THEN HE CALLED ME A STUPID COW!
FANCY COS...
CAT CLAW!!
UUUUUUU!!!
AND SO, THE QUICK AND EFFICIENT POLICE HIT THE ROAD, AS ONLY THEY CAN!
OH, MY LILCER. HURRY, YOU IDIOTS!!!
WHAT, WITH MY LIVER? I DOUBT IT!
DON'T WORRY, BOSS! WE'LL GET THERE BEFORE YOU CROAK!
COME ON!
MAKC ДУРАК!!
NINUNINUNINUN
SKRIIP
KLANG!
OUR NEW PHONE OPERATOR IS CUTE BUT SHE'S VERY SENSITIVE, ISN'T SHE?
NERVES! SHE'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE SHE DISCOVERED SHE WAS THE ILLEGITIMATE DAUGHTER OF HER MOTHER'S DOCTOR!
YEAH, I ALSO HEARD THAT HER HUSBAND, A MILLIONAIRE, IS BEDDING HIS EX-WIFE, WHO HAPPENS TO BE HIS FIRST SON'S DAUGHTER.
AND THEIR GRANDSON IS GAY!
JUST LIKE YOU SAID, BOSS! CAT CLAW! I RECOGNIZED HER STOCKINGS!
WELL, WELL! SHE'S INTO OFFENDING THE MORALS OF THE COMMUNITY NOW!
AND IT SEEMS SHE'S GOT HER GANG WITH HER!
GREAT DEDUCTIVE MINDS AT WORK! ONE CAN ONLY SIT BACK AND ADMIRE YOUR INTELLIGENCE, SHERLOCK!
COME ON, SUGAR-MAN! HELP ME! WE'RE KIND OF FAMILY, YOU KNOW!
CATCH HER!!
DO WE REALLY HAVE TO, BOSS?
SHE KICKED OUR ASS LAST TIME!
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AND I'LL DO IT KEEP DOING IT UNTIL YOU GET CERTAIN FACTS RIGHT!
MAKE WAY FOR THE LADY, PLEASE!
B-DOLL!
TWOK!
NNNG!
LUTKK!
GNNN! GNNN!
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YOU STUPID CLOWNS! YOU ARE ALL IDIOTS!!! I HATE YOU ALL!
AND NO WONDER THEY ARE, WITH INSPECTORS LIKE YOU AROUND! CALM DOWN, BATTLE-BALL, OR YOUR POOR HEART WILL GIVE WAY!
TAKE WHAT YOU ACTUALLY CAME FOR, CAT, AND BEAT IT...
THE SHORTEST WAY OUT!
CANGR
I'VE GOT TO GET ME A HANDBAG! CAN'T KEEP RUNNING AROUND WITH PACKAGES IN MY HAND!

AND WHILE THOSE GOONS SEARCH FOR MY REMAINS ON THE PAVEMENT...
...I'LL TAKE TO THE ROOF. IT'S WHERE CATS BELONG, ANYWAY, RIGHT?
NOW I FINALLY HAVE A CHANCE TO GET DRESSED IN PEACE!
IT WON'T DO TO RUN AROUND HALF-NAKED LIKE THIS! THERE'S ALWAYS SOME IDIOT WHO'LL STARE!
KERAC
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LUCKILY, THERE'S FAR MORE... WHAT IS IT NOW?
GAKT!
GAKT!
THE COPS AND THE OTHER CREEPS ARE INSIDE THE BUILDING! SO, THERE'S NO DANGER, RIGHT?
WRONG! THERE'S PLENTY OF DANGER! ENOUGH TO GO AROUND! REMEMBER THIS GUY? HE'S BACK!
ROARGHH!
HOLY SMOKE.
SORRY! IT'S THE END OF THE EPISODE. SO? THERE WILL BE MORE, WE PROMISE!
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Adventure Releases

• Alien Nation: The Skin Trade #1
All New* Alien Nation *Storyline!
It's "The Case Of The Missing Milksop," and Newcomer detective Mason Jar, a trench-coated shamus who's seen too many Bogart movies, has been hired to find the missing lactoholic, Sigmund Freud. When the trail leads to the kingpin of the Newcomer Underworld, Mason's in more trouble than he can shake his customary unlit cigarette at! Written by Lowell Cunningham, *Alien Nation: The Skin Trade* is perhaps our funest *Alien Nation* title to date! And the art by Leonard Kirk (Where'd we find him? He's fabulous!) and Terry Pallot is absolutely outstanding. Heck, *I'd* even buy a half-dozen!

• Deathworld Book Two #1
***From Harry Harrison's* Deathworld 2**
John Holland captures the intrigue of Harry Harrison's novel in this second *Deathworld* mini-series. Pyrrus is the killer planet. A world where all the life forms have evolved into organic killing machines! So who in the galaxy would go to Pyrrus? Jason dinAlt, professional gambler and con man, that's who! But when Jason's kidnapped by a political fanatic—only to escape into the clutches of slavers—he begins to yearn for the "good old days" on Pyrrus! The

art by Marcello Campos really brings to life Harrison's (and Holland's!) story!

• Sinbad: The House Of God #1
Sinbad is back and this time the Caliph is in trouble. His wife, the lady Aziza, has been kidnapped by a strange religious cult headed by a maniacal "holy man." Needing no encouragement to rescue the woman he loves, Sinbad sets sail to find her! R.A. Jones again enchants us with this wonderfully written *Sinbad* tale and is rejoined by M.C. Wyman and newcomer Ande Parks. If you liked the first *Sinbad* mini-series (and if you didn't, there's *definitely* something wrong with you!), you'll love *Sinbad: The House Of God*! I promise!

Aircel Releases

• Casanova #1
That legendary lover and rogue Casanova plies his erotic trade in comic book form in this highly sensual, beautifully illustrated adventure series from Europe! In this first issue, The Count Of Tiretta—known throughout Paris as "Sir Six Times" issues a challenge to Casanova: how many times can each satisfy a woman in one night! Written and illustrated by Ricard, *Casanova* is for adults only. That counts me out.

• Debbie Does Dallas #1
Straight from one of the most popular and famous adult movie series in cinema history. In her first comic series, Debbie does a lot more than Dallas! In this issue, our very sexy little vixen buys herself a Porsche and tours the city as only she can. Written by Bern Harkins and illustrated by Dennis Clark, *Debbie Does Dallas* is funny, sexy and 100% pure Debbie! And *of course* it's for Adults Only!

Eternity Releases

• The Dark Star Of Death #1
An All-New Dan Turner Adventure!
Beginning the first of five all new adventures based on Robert Leslie Bellem's wise-cracking detective from the '30s and '40s! Paravox Studios' missing production chief, Kane Fewster, is missing! Dan Turner tracks him down only to be framed for Fewster's murder. Only a mysterious brunette cutie can keep Turner from being sent up the river. *The Dark Star Of Death* is written by Dan Turner expert John Wooley and illustrated by Kevin Tuma & Gary Dumm.

• Robotech II: The Sentinels—Cyberpirates #1
A Robotech II: The Sentinels Mini-Series
Bill Spangler, Thomas Tenney & Fred Perry bring you an all new *Robotech II: The Sentinels* story. Something mysterious is tampering with the mecha of Monument City, resulting in chaos and deadly accidents. When mecha pilot Terry Weston's fiance is killed in one such "accident," he discovers there's more going on than meets the eye. He begins his own investigation and quickly finds his life is in jeopardy!

—Mickie

Retailer Of The Month: Frank W. Zenau, owner of Xeno's (Comics) in Jackson, Florida. We're with you all the way, Frank!

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